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Thomas KLENK et al.

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AXIAL SHAFT SEAL

Sir:

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Transmitted herewith is a Response to Office Action (9 pages) in the above-identified application.

[] Small entity status under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 has been previously established.

Applicants assert small entity status under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27.

[X] No fee for additional claims is required.

A filing fee for additional claims calculated as shown below, is required:

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[] FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEP. CLAIM				
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SMALL ENTITY RATE FEE	<u>OR</u>	RATE FEE
x \$ 9 \$ x \$ 43 \$ + \$145 \$		x \$ 18 \$ x \$ 86 \$ + \$290 \$
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[] Also transmitted herewith are:

[] Petition for extension under 37 C.F.R. 1.136

[] Other:

[] Check(s) in the amount of \$ 0.00 is/are attached to cover:

[] Filing fee for additional claims under 37 C.F.R. 1.16

Petition fee for extension under 37 C.F.R. 1.136

[] Other:

[X] The Assistant Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of the following fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0552.

[X] Any filing fee under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 for the presentation of additional claims which are not paid by check submitted herewith.

[X] Any patent application processing fees under 37 C.F.R. 1.17.

[X] Any petition fees for extension under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 which are not paid by check submitted herewith, and it is hereby requested that this be a petition for an automatic extension of time under 37 CFR

1.136.

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed March 30, 2004, please amend the above-referenced application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.